

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Please claim 1 as indicated below (material to be inserted is in **bold and underline**, and material to be deleted is in ~~strikeout~~ or (if the deletion is of five or fewer consecutive characters or would be difficult to see) in double brackets [[]]:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A printing-fluid container configured for lateral insertion into a printing-fluid container bay having a latching member, the printing fluid container comprising:

a leading surface; and

an alignment pocket recessed into a center portion of the leading surface, wherein the alignment pocket is configured to mate with an outwardly-extending alignment member of the printing-fluid container bay so as to guide the printing-fluid container into an operational position; and

a latching surface configured to be selectively engaged by the latching member of the printing-fluid container bay, and wherein the latching surface and the alignment pocket intersect a horizontally extending plane.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) The printing-fluid container of claim 1, wherein the latching surface is located on a rim portion of the printing-fluid container.

4. (Previously Presented) The printing-fluid container of claim 1, wherein the latching surface faces opposite the leading surface.

5. (Original) The printing-fluid container of claim 1, further comprising an air-interface and an ink-interface, wherein a common vertical axis intersects the air-interface and the ink-interface.

6. (Original) The printing-fluid container of claim 5, wherein the alignment pocket is positioned on the vertical axis intermediate the ink-interface and the air-interface.

7. (Original) The printing-fluid container of claim 5, wherein the alignment pocket is positioned on the vertical axis above the ink-interface and below the air-interface.

8. (Original) The printing-fluid container of claim 7, further comprising an electrical interface, wherein a common horizontal axis intersects the electrical interface, and wherein the horizontal axis intersects the vertical axis at the alignment pocket.

9. (Original) The printing-fluid container of claim 7, further comprising a keying pocket, wherein a common horizontal axis intersects the keying pocket, and wherein the horizontal axis intersects the vertical axis at the alignment pocket.

10. (Original) The printing-fluid container of claim 7, further comprising an electrical interface and a keying pocket, wherein a common horizontal axis intersects the electrical interface and the keying pocket, and wherein the horizontal axis intersects the vertical axis at the alignment pocket.

11. (Original) The printing-fluid container of claim 10, wherein the horizontal axis is normal to the vertical axis.

12. (Original) The printing-fluid container of claim 5, wherein the alignment pocket is positioned substantially equidistant from the air-interface and the ink-interface.

13. (Original) The printing-fluid container of claim 5, wherein the vertical axis bisects the leading surface.

14. (Original) The printing-fluid container of claim 1, wherein the alignment pocket includes tapered sidewalls.

15. (Original) The printing-fluid container of claim 1, wherein the alignment pocket recesses substantially normal to the leading surface.

16. (Original) The printing-fluid container of claim 1, wherein the alignment pocket recesses at least 15 millimeters from the leading surface.

17. (Original) The printing-fluid container of claim 1, wherein the alignment pocket has a substantially rectangular opening.

18. (Original) The printing-fluid container of claim 1, wherein a depth of the alignment pocket is at least approximately 1.5 times a width of an opening of the alignment pocket.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Previously Presented) The printing-fluid container of claim 41, wherein the alignment pocket is configured to mate with the outwardly-extending alignment member.

23. (Previously Presented) The printing-fluid container of claim 41, wherein the alignment pocket is configured to guide the printing-fluid container into an operational orientation in the printing-fluid container bay.

24. (Previously Presented) The printing-fluid container of claim 41, wherein the alignment pocket includes tapered sidewalls.

25. (Previously Presented) The printing-fluid container of claim 41, wherein the alignment pocket recesses substantially normal to the leading surface.

26. (Previously Presented) The printing-fluid container of claim 41, wherein the alignment pocket recesses at least 15 millimeters from the leading surface.

27. (Previously Presented) The printing-fluid container of claim 41, wherein the alignment pocket has a substantially rectangular opening.

28. (Previously Presented) The printing-fluid container of claim 41, wherein a depth of the alignment pocket is at least approximately 1.5 times a width of an opening of the alignment pocket.

29. (Previously Presented) A printing-fluid container configured for lateral insertion into a printing-fluid container bay that includes an outwardly-extending alignment member, the printing-fluid container comprising:

a reservoir having a leading portion;

an air-interface positioned on the leading portion of the reservoir;

an ink-interface positioned on the leading portion of the reservoir below the air-interface;

an alignment pocket positioned on the leading portion of the reservoir between the air-interface and the ink-interface, wherein the alignment pocket is configured to mate with the outwardly-extending alignment member; and

a latching surface configured to be selectively engaged by a corresponding latching member of the printing-fluid container bay, wherein a horizontally extending plane intersects the latching surface and the alignment pocket.

30. (Original) The printing-fluid container of claim 29, wherein the alignment pocket is positioned substantially equidistant from the air-interface and the ink-interface.

31. (Original) The printing-fluid container of claim 29, wherein a common vertical axis intersects the air-interface, the ink-interface, and the alignment pocket.

32. (Original) The printing-fluid container of claim 31, wherein the vertical axis bisects the leading portion of the reservoir.

33. (Previously Presented) The printing-fluid container of claim 31, wherein the vertical axis is an axis of symmetry relative to a shape of the leading portion of the printing-fluid container.

34. (Original) The printing-fluid container of claim 31, further comprising a keying pocket positioned on the leading portion of the reservoir, wherein a common horizontal axis intersects the keying pocket and the alignment pocket.

35. (Original) The printing-fluid container of claim 31, further comprising an electrical interface positioned on the leading portion of the reservoir, wherein a common horizontal axis intersects the electrical interface and the alignment pocket.

36. (Original) The printing-fluid container of claim 31, further comprising an electrical interface and a keying pocket, wherein a common horizontal axis intersects the electrical interface and the keying pocket, and wherein the horizontal axis intersects the vertical axis at the alignment pocket.

37. (Cancelled)

38. (Original) The printing-fluid container of claim 29, wherein the leading portion of the reservoir includes a substantially planar leading surface.

39. (Cancelled)

40. (Previously Presented) A printing-fluid container configured for lateral insertion into a printing-fluid container bay, the printing fluid container comprising:

- a leading surface; and
- an alignment pocket recessed into a center portion of the leading surface, wherein the alignment pocket is configured to mate with an outwardly-extending alignment member of the printing-fluid container bay so as to guide the printing-fluid container into an operational position;
- an air-interface on the leading surface above the alignment pocket;
- an ink-interface on the leading surface below the alignment pocket, wherein a vertical axis intersects the air-interface, the ink-interface, and the alignment pocket; and
- an electrical interface, wherein a horizontal axis intersects the electrical interface and the alignment pocket, and wherein the horizontal axis intersects the vertical axis at the alignment pocket.

41. (New) A printing-fluid container configured for lateral insertion into a printing-fluid container bay, the printing fluid container comprising:

a leading surface; and

an alignment pocket recessed into a center portion of the leading surface, wherein the alignment pocket is configured to mate with an outwardly-extending alignment member of the printing-fluid container bay so as to guide the printing-fluid container into an operational position;

an air-interface on the leading surface above the alignment pocket;

an ink-interface on the leading surface below the alignment pocket, wherein a vertical axis intersects the air-interface, the ink-interface, and the alignment pocket; and

a keying pocket recessed into the leading surface, wherein a horizontal axis intersects the keying pocket and the alignment pocket, and wherein the horizontal axis intersects the vertical axis at the alignment pocket.